

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of October 11, 2006.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the Boys reference (U.S. 2003/0224334) in view of the Zilberman reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,958).

However, Claim 7 was found to include allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all of the elements of originally filed Claim 7. Therefore, Claim 1 is allowable. Claims 8 and 9, now dependent upon Claim 1 are likewise allowable. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has therefore been obviated.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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